



**WHAT: National Bison Day at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie**

*Speakers will present information on bison topics and there will be activities for kids; look for the bison*

**WHEN: Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. to noon**

**WHY:** To celebrate the ecology, cultural, historic and economic aspects of Bison, our nation's first National Mammal.

- In May 2016, President Obama signed legislation honoring bison as our nation's first National Mammal.
- In October 2015, a small herd of bison was introduced at Midewin as a 20-year experiment in prairie restoration. The grazing pattern of the herd is helping to reinvigorate the grasslands by providing a more diverse ecosystem for birds and other wildlife.

**WHO:** (*Confirmed Presenters*)

- Leaders with federally recognized American Indian tribes
- The InterTribal Buffalo Council
- Duane Lammers, consultant on the 1991 Academy Award-winning "Dances with Wolves"
- Artisan who spins bison hair to make clothing and other items
- The American Bison Coalition
- The Wildlife Conservation Society

**WHERE:** The Iron Bridge Trailhead at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

- In the presentation tent
- Approximately 6 miles north of the Gemini Giant in Wilmington, IL on Hwy 53 (historic U.S. Route 66)